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Taurean J. Johnson (who also goes by TJ) serves as a Commissioner with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

Taurean was raised in Akron, Ohio, the youngest of seven children; Taurean attended the University of Cincinnati (UC) earning dual degrees in Political Science and African American Studies.

Upon graduation, he worked as Program Coordinator at the University until he left to take the position of Administrative Organizer with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) District 1199 in the hospital division in Cleveland, OH.

From there he joined the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Ohio Council 8 in Greater Cincinnati and surrounding areas as chief negotiator, handling grievances and arbitrations.

In this position he was responsible for serving as a liaison between AFSCME and external constituents, which required a detailed knowledge of social issues, political legislation and other policies and procedures, as well as the ability to investigate and thoroughly research any issue or situation that needed resolution. He represented an array of employees and industries including rural and urban city workers, school board employees, fire fighters, the Cincinnati Zoo and many others.

In his capacity as Commissioner, Mr. Johnson works with parties in the private, public and federal sectors, mediating collective bargaining agreements, grievances, and employment disputes. In addition to his mediation work, Mr. Johnson frequently delivers training programs to labor and management groups.